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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CHINESE VIEWS ON NORTHEAST AFRICA

1. COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND DCM ENJOYED UNHURRIED CONVERSATION WITH CHINESE AMBASSADOR FAN TSO-KAI MARCH 11 AT U.N. SOCIAL FUNCTION. TALK TURNED TO NORTHEAST AFRICA. FAN HAD SERVED LAST AS PRC AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISCIO. DCM ASKED HOW HE SAW SOVIET ROLE IN AREA.

2. FAN SAID SOVIETS WOULD TRY TO PLAY BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. AGREED, SAID DCM, BUT COULD SOVIETS PULL IT OFF? FAN SAID SOVIETS WERE MAIN INFLUENCE BEHIND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT, HAVING ENGINEERED THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER CHIEF OF STATE AND HIS ASSOCIATES. PRESENT CHIEF OF STATE AND HIS "PRIME MINISTER" WERE AT ODDS, SAID FAN, AND SITUATION WAS TOTALLY UNSTABLE. SOVIETS NEEDED THEIR BERBERA BASE TO PURSUE THEIR INDIAN OCEAN STRATEGY; IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW FAR THEY COULD GO WITH ETHIOPIANS. FAN MENTIONED THAT SOMALIS WERE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED
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ABOUT SOVIET ROLE IN ETHIOPIA.
3. ON DIFFERENT TOPIC, QUESTION WAS PUT ON THEORETICAL BASIS TO FAN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF BAMBARA-SPEAKING CHINESE DOCTORS WORKING IN GOM RURAL HEALTH PROJECTS IF THEY WERE FINANCED BY USAID. FAN THOUGHT FOR A MINUTE AND THEN SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO THE MALIANS TO PROPOSE SUCH A PROGRAM. IF THE GOM REQUESTED SUCH AID, CHINA WOULD CONSIDER IT.

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4. COMMENT: FAN IS OPEN, INTELLIGENT, AND WILLING TO TALK SUBSTANCE.
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